

We are happy to announce that after being closed since June 24, 2013, our children's room was reopened on Thursday February 19, 2015. It was a long time in coming, but the mold has been eliminated and the room is once again a safe and welcoming space for our community to come and enjoy. I would like to personally thank all the library volunteers, staff and town officials and community members who helped us during this difficult time. This disaster provided us with the opportunity to change the room to let in more light, paint the walls, put in a new rug and do some cleaning. People have responded favorably to it! It warmed all our hearts to see families once again enjoying and using the space! We had a celebration in April with help from the Friends of the Library and the trustees. David Martin and Simon Brooks were the story tellers for 147 people in the appreciative audience. There was pizza, helium balloons and fun for everyone. We were able to pay for this celebration because of a generous donation from the Pat O'Hagan family.

The library continues to offer a variety of services besides lending books and other materials. The library has been loaning downloadable audio books for many years. The circulation of those rose to over 9,700 in 2015 and we anticipated more downloads for 2016. Still, many people are not aware of this service. Please help us spread the word.

The library continues to provide employment and job services and resources for free. Besides our print collection we also have vocational and job resources available online which can be accessed either at the library or from home through an Internet connection. The library continues to offer free resume printing and resume building. Need help getting started? Cheryl will be happy to get you started with your job search; just come in and ask. We are most happy when someone comes back in and they tell us they have found a job! Join the computer class on Thursday mornings to polish your computer skills! Remember if you're out of a job, the library is here to help

People have been happy that we have Blake to help people with their technology questions. He is happy to provide people with one on one with their technology needs for up to an hour at a time. Call or stop in to make an appointment. Technology is ever changing. Do you have a question? Make an appointment at the library with Blake.

Did you know that with your library card, you can have access to a variety of online services? You can learn a language, repair your car, find homework help, look up health information or find support help in starting your own business or just browse the 8,000 journals and newspapers? All of this is available on Vermont Online Libraries that can be accessed from our web site. Need help getting started, just give us a call or stop in.

The Chamber of Commerce meets at the library and the library has been answering the phone for the Chamber for over 15 years. That's right, the library has a phone line for the Chamber here at the library and follows up with answers to every question.

If you are looking to complete your GED or your high school diploma, please stop at the library on Monday afternoons from 1:30 until 3:30. We have a tutor from NEK Learning Services here to help you with your tutoring needs. Please note that Mondays are a day change from Wednesdays.

Groups met at the library 211 times in 2015 while we were open or closed. If you have a group that is educational in nature and open to the public and need a free place to meet, please contact the library.

Bookmobile services have been going on since 1999. We make an impact on early literacy by traveling to child care sites each week. The bookmobile also travels to after school programs, and Riverside school. It also travels to Riverside Life Enrichment for the adult day center. This year we had 1,200 outreach programs at 777 sites for 10,325 people, mostly children. The bookmobile has been funded through gifts, grants and donations since its inception. For this valuable service to continue we will need to secure more local support.

Mary Kenny retired at the end of August in 2015. Mary was a steadfast, reliable, marvelous librarian and gave exemplary library service to Cobleigh community people for over 23 years. Mary loved library services and people. That made her great! We miss you Mary!

Tina McClure ended her service as a children's librarian here in the public library to become a children's librarian in two of the local school libraries. Tina had excellent library service skills as well as a gentle compassion for families which is why people loved her and loved coming here. Currently, we are still searching for a children's librarian to fill Tina's position.

We recently hired Elizabeth Faling as our new cataloger and services librarian. Elizabeth has been a quick learner, great with the public and loves cataloging. She's been a tremendous asset already! Please welcome Elizabeth into the Cobleigh community!

Don't forget we still have books! Did you know that a recent survey with college students, reported that they still preferred books over electronic means? If there is a book you want that we don't have, please ask us! We are happy to consider suggestions for purchase or for interlibrary loan. We tailor our services to our community!

As always, we could not provide the depth of services without the help, dedication and time the Cobleigh Trustees, the Friends of the Library and all the volunteers in the community provide for the people who use the library. These folks, who often work in the background, are the unsung heroes of the library and library services. In all honesty we couldn't do it without them! We could never repay their kindness and community mindedness! Thank you once again!

Sincerely,

Cindy Karasinski,
Library Director

Statistics 2015

Library Circulation of books and materials	39,539	Library Card Holders	2,771
Bookmobile circulation of books	12,237	Bookmobile Card Holders	121
Listen Up Vermont (Downloadable audio books)	<u>9,701</u>	Total Card Holders	2,892
Totals	61,447		
Interlibrary loan items requested:	889	Library Programs	205
Interlibrary loan items sent to other libraries:	<u>446</u>	Bookmobile Programs	<u>1,218</u>
Total Interlibrary loans:	1,335	Total Programs	1,423
		Attendance	2,811
		Attendance	<u>10,325</u>
		Total	13,136
Library Meetings	211	Attendance	1,482

Adult Education

Computer Class Participants – 230
 Computer Intern Participants – 182
 GED Tutoring & other tutoring – 24
 Distance Learning – 6

Video Conferencing Equipment
 Programs – 12
 Attendance – 62

Library Home Deliveries – Adult
 Individuals 89
 Group Settings 20
 Total 109

Library visitors 44,648
 Bookmobile Site Stops 777
 Computer Use 23,582
 Volunteer hours 702